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The following Government order is published:—

[G.O.Ms.No.226, Home (Prison-I), 8th June 2020, வைகாசி 26, சார்பு, திருவன்னாபுர் முணிய-2051.]

READ:

From the Additional Director General of Police / Inspector General of Prisons letter No.48061/CS2/2019, dated 23-12-2019.

ORDER:- No.226, Home (Prison-I), 8th June 2020.

In the letter read above, the Additional Director General of Police / Inspector General of Prisons has stated that Prisons are an integral part of Criminal Justice System offering punitive and correctional services, who are in conflict with the laws of the land. The punitive facet is to make them realize and repent for the offence(s) and the Correctional Services provide an opportunity for assimilating them into the main stream of the society. Nowadays, the reformation and rehabilitation of Prison inmates is the core object of the Government of India and Tamil Nadu Government. Gradually, the objective of deterrence changed to reformation and this led to decrease in Prison punishments and increase in welfare activities and introduction of the system of encouraging good work and conduct in the form of remission / review of sentences / wages / treatment in open conditions (Open Air Prisons / Leave / Prison Canteen Facilities / Interviews (in person /telephone) / apart from basic necessities such as good food, clean drinking water, clean environment etc. Prisoners are treated with humane approach and dignity and various correctional measures such as education, training in Prison industries, employable training (skill development), Sports activities, libraries, Free Legal Aid, Special Interviews are taken to improve the life quality of prisoners in Prisons. Apart from that, Welfare Officers are acting as bridge between prisoners and their families and looking after the needs of the prisoners within the ambit of Prison Rules, Psychologists and Counsellors are working in Prisons to counsel the newly admitted prisoners and prisoners in distress and depression. Probation Wing exclusively for the welfare and rehabilitation of prisoners. After release, the prisoners are accommodated in jobs as per the skills and loans are arranged from banks to start petty trades.

2. The Additional Director General of Police / Inspector General of Prisons has further stated that, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P.No.406/2013 has directed to adopt uniformity in all the States as per Model Prison Manual 2016. Therefore, it would be appropriate to change the nomenclature of the "Tamil Nadu Prison Department" as "Department of Prisons and Correctional Services" and to re-designate the post of "Additional Director General of Police / Inspector General of Prisons" as "Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services" subject to the condition of without changing the nature of functions and pay scale of the Additional Director General of Police / Inspector General of Prisons. He has, therefore, suggested to the Government to change the nomenclature of the "Tamil Nadu Prison Department" as the "Department of Prisons and Correctional Services" and re-designate the post of "Additional Director General of Police / Inspector General of Prisons" as "Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services" subject to the condition of without changing the nature of functions and pay scale of the Additional Director General of Police/Inspector General of Prisons.

3. The Government have examined the above proposal of the Additional Director General of Police / Inspector General of Prisons decided to accept it. Accordingly, Government direct that the nomenclature of the "Tamil Nadu Prison Department" be changed as "**Department of Prisons and correctional Services**" and the post of "Additional Director General of Police/ Inspector General of Prisons" be re-designated as "**Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services**" subject to the condition that there is no change in the nature of functions and pay scale of the Additional Director General of Police / Inspector General of Prisons.

4. This order shall come into force with immediate effect.

5. Necessary amendments to this effect to the Tamil Nadu Business Rules, 1978 will be issued by the Government in Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department separately.

(By Order of the Governor)

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Additional Chief Secretary to Government.